

III. REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1, 9, 14, 16, 23, 29, 30 and 35 have been amended to correct errors in spelling. These amendments are being made to facilitate early allowance of the presently claimed subject matter. Applicant does not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserves the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicant reserves the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. 1.116(b) because the Amendment: (a) places the application in condition for allowance as discussed below; (b) does not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration; and (c) places the application in better form for appeal. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment.

In the Office Action, claims 1-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Hohndel *et al.* “Automated Installation of Linux Systems Using YAST”, 1999, hereafter “Hohndel.”

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 U.S.P.Q.2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987); see MPEP § 2131, p. 2100-70. Applicant asserts that Hohndel does not teach each and every feature of the claimed invention. For example, with respect to independent claim 1 and similarly claimed in claims 9, 14, 16, 23, 29, 30 and 35, Applicant submits that Hohndel fails to teach providing a

plurality of control files, each control file having entries of computer system identifiers pertaining to a particular software platform. The Office argues that the title of the Hohndel reference, “Automated Installation of Linux Systems Using Yast,” teaches providing a control file. However, this title of Hohndel mentions nothing about the control file or that it is provided. Instead, the control file of Hohndel is taught elsewhere is being able to be added to a Linux boot disk after the file “syslinux.cfg” is manually altered. Page 262, paras. 5 and 6. To this extent, the control file is not automatically provided but rather can be added manually and, as such, is not an automated part of the “Automated Installation” of Hohndel.

Furthermore, the title of Hohndel does not teach a plurality of control files. The Office discounts this distinction by arguing, in essence, that even though the invention claims “a plurality of control files” the fact that a single control file is queried makes the multiple control files act like a single control file. In response, Applicant respectfully submits that the single control file that is queried is the control file of the particular software platform corresponding to the software platform designated by the user. To this extent, the control file that is queried is one that is selected from the plurality of control files based on the software platform designated by the user. Thus, the plurality of control files allows different software platforms to be installed because each control file has entries of computer system identifiers pertaining to a particular software platform. This is in contrast to Hohndel, in which only a single software platform, i.e., Linux, is contemplated. Thus, even were Hohndel to contemplate multiple control files, they would all contain information about the Linux software platform. As such, the plurality of control files of the claimed invention is not analogous to a “plurality” of CD disks, a “plurality” of PCs, or a plurality of systems as in the Office’s illustration. Instead, each control file of the

plurality of control files of the claimed invention is unique in that it has entries of computer system identifiers *pertaining to a particular software platform*. Accordingly, the functionality provided by “providing a plurality of control files” is novel and does not merely act “like a single one that is old in the art” as the Office contends.

In contrast, the claimed invention includes “...providing a plurality of control files, each control file having entries of computer system identifiers pertaining to a particular software platform.” Claim 1. As such the providing step of the claimed invention, unlike the “Automated Installation” in the title of Hohndel that does not specifically mention and does not include the providing of a control file, instead provides a plurality of control files. Furthermore, unlike the single control file of Hohndel that only has information regarding the Linux software platform, each control file of the plurality of control files of the claimed invention has entries of computer system identifiers pertaining to a particular software platform. For the above reasons, neither the title nor Hohndel as a whole teaches the providing step of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office withdraw its rejection.

With further respect to independent claim 1 and similarly claimed in claims 9, 14, 16, 23, 29, 30 and 35, Applicant submits that Hohndel also fails to teach designating, by a user, a computer system and a software platform of a plurality of software platforms to be installed on the designated computer system using a graphical user interface. The Office also equates this feature with the title of Hohndel. The Office further equates the graphical user interface of the claimed invention with guiding a user step to step through the installation of Linux. However, the fact, if true, that Hohndel guides a user step to step through a task does not, in and of itself, necessitate use of a graphical user interface to do so. The step to step guiding could use text-

based commands, text based instructions, or other guides that are well known in the art as being outside the purview of the term “graphical user interface.” In fact, none of the description of the functionality of YaST in the Hohndel reference teaches or even suggests features resembling those of a graphical user interface.

Furthermore, neither the title of Hohndel nor the Office’s explanation teaches that a user designates or selects a software platform to be installed on a computer system from a plurality of software platforms. Instead, only a single software platform, i.e. Linux, is taught as being available in Hohndel.

In contrast, the present invention includes “...designating, by a user, a computer system and a software platform of a plurality of software platforms to be installed on the designated computer system using a graphical user interface.” Claim 1. As such, unlike the title “Automated Installation of Linux Systems Using Yast” of Hohndel, in the designating of the claimed invention, the user designates a software platform to be installed on a computer system from a plurality of software platforms. Furthermore, the user designates this software platform using a graphical user interface. Thus, the designating step of the present invention is not taught by the title of Hohndel. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office withdraw its rejection.

With respect to dependent claims, Applicant herein incorporates the arguments presented above with respect to the independent claims from which the claims depend. Furthermore, Applicant submits that all dependant claims are allowable based on their own distinct features. Since the cited art does not teach each and every feature of the claimed invention, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

IV. CONCLUSION

In addition to the above arguments, Applicant submits that each of the pending claims is patentable for one or more additional unique features. To this extent, Applicant does not acquiesce to the Office's interpretation of the claimed subject matter or the references used in rejecting the claimed subject matter. Additionally, Applicant does not acquiesce to the Office's combinations and modifications of the various references or the motives cited for such combinations and modifications. These features and the appropriateness of the Office's combinations and modifications have not been separately addressed herein for brevity. However, Applicant reserves the right to present such arguments in a later response should one be necessary.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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